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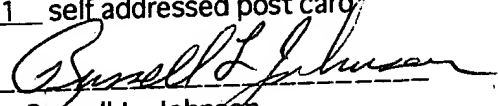
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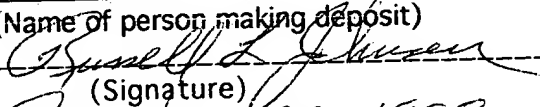
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**VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS**  
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Applicant or Patentee: MARK RASPER and TIM RULSEH  
Serial or Patent No: NA  
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Title: KNIFE INDEXING APPARATUS

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- ☒ the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.  
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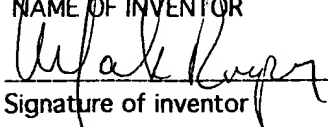
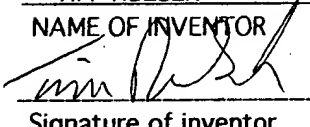
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<u>MARK RASPER</u>	<u>TIM RULSEH</u>	
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VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(c)) -- SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

Applicant or Patentee: MARK RASPER and TIM RULSEH  
Serial or Patent No. : \_\_\_\_\_  
Filed or Issued: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: KNIFE INDEXING APPARATUS

I hereby declare that I am  
\_\_\_\_\_ the owner of the small business concern identified below:  
☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN PRODUCTIVE SOLUTIONS INC.  
ADDRESS OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN 1025 BREEZEWOOD LANE, NEENAH WI, 54957

I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.12, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of the affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention described in;

\_\_\_\_\_ the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.  
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If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights in invention must file separate verified statements averring to their status as small entities, and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d), or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization having any rights in the invention is listed below:  
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